GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Development of Facilities at Vadinar Port
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kandla Port Trust (KPT) has published an advertisement for Global invitation expression of interest for development of port facilities at Vadinar port area of Jamnagar district, if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether it is contradictory to the understanding arrived at between the Union Government and the Government of Gujarat to develop Vadinar port in Joint venture pattern, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
(c) whether the Union Government has also received any request from the State Government in this regard; and
(d) if so, the details and the present status of the proposal and action taken by the Government thereon so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a)&(b):Yes, Madam. Kandla Port Trust has published an advertisement for Global invitation of 'Expression of Interest'(EOI) to be extended by a Joint Venture Company between Kandla Port and Gujarat Maritime Board for development of Port facility at Vadinar for multipurpose use. However, EOI invited on 23.09.2008 could not materialize.

(c)&(d):Yes, Madam. With the passage of time, however, a number of Minor Ports have emerged in the vicinity of Kandla Port and they have adequate capacity for Port operations. Further, Kandla Port is both financially and technically capable of taking up any kind of development including the development of additional Single Point Moorings of product jetties fully on its own. Therefore, there is now no need for this Port to form any kind of joint venture with the Gujarat Maritime Development Board for development of Vadinar.

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